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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW STATUTORY CONDITION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING

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- 1. EMBASSY IS PREPARING TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS WITH MFA AND FINNISH DEFENSE FORCES (FDF) OF GOF RE EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONCERNING MILITARY TRAINING AS REQUESTED REFTEL.
- 2. HOWEVER, EMBASSY ANTICIPATES QUESTIONS FROM GOF ENTITIES CONCERNING SOME OF THE LANGUAGE IN SUGGESTED TEXT OF NOTE. SPECIFICALLY, THE EMBASSY NOTES THAT PARA 3 OF THE SUGGESTED TEXT (REFTEL PARA 8 B 3) REFERS TO "THAT IT WILL PERMIT CONTINUOUS OBSERVATION AND REVIEW BY, AND FURNISH NECESSARY INFORMATION TO, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE USG WITH REGARD TO USE OF SUCH SERVICES OR TRAINING." EMBASSY REQUESTS CLARIFICATION AS TO MEANING OF PHRASE "CONTINUOUS OBSERVATION AND REVIEW BY, AND FURNISH NECESSARY INFORMATION TO," BECAUSE WE ANTICIPATE GOF WILL RAISE QUESTIONS REGARDING ITS MEANING.

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3. ALSO, EMBASSY WISHES CLARIFICATION OF PARA 4

OF SUGGESTED NOTE (REFTEL PARA 8 B 4) WHICH STATES "THAT IT WILL RETURN TO THE USG SUCH SERVICE OR TRAINING MATERIALS FURNISHED ON A GRANT BASIS AS ARE NO LONGER NEEDED FOR THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH FURNISHED..." THE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT THE ONLY TRAINING MATERIALS FURNISHED TO FDF STUDENTS ARE UNCLASSIFIED TRAINING MATERIALS PROVIDED BY SCHOOLS WHICH STUDENTS HAVE ATTENDED.

4. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF FACT THAT ENTIRE MILITARY ASSIST-ANCE AND TRAINING PROGRAM IN FINLAND CONSISTS OF ONLY ONE TRAINEE ANNUALLY, GOF MAY HESITATE TO ACCEPT FAR-REACHING COMMITMENTS. EMBASSY WILL AWAIT REQUESTED CLARIFICATION BEFORE INITIATING DISCUSSIONS WITH GOF ON THIS MATTER. AUSTAD

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